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The Hub

Updates from Superintendent Dr. Michelle Hubbard

I am so excited for the 2023-2024 school year. I can't wait to see all the amazing things we will accomplish together.

I am filled with pride in the many successes we continue to achieve in our school community. It shows how by working together, we are truly one Shawnee Mission.

In the coming year, we will continue to build on our success. With that in mind, I am thrilled to introduce our new district theme- "One Shawnee Mission: A Time to Shine."

Expanding on last year's theme, "We Are One Shawnee Mission," it highlights the collective strength of our entire school community. Across the Shawnee Mission School District our students and staff have consistently demonstrated their ability to work hard, support one another, and shine brightly in everything they aspire to do. Through collaboration and a shared mission, we will continue to make our schools places that help everyone to achieve their full potential.

We are One Shawnee Mission and it's time to shine!



Dr. Michelle Hubbard

SMSD Achievements

Together as One Shawnee Mission, students and staff continue to make our community proud. Here are a few recent accolades:

- Recent Shawnee Mission South graduates Brooklynn Hato and Clare Bradley are 2023 National Speech and Debate Association Champions and Unger Cup Winners. The Unger Cup is presented to the school whose policy debate team places highest in six national tournaments.

Earlier this year, the debate team of Jeremiah Rimpson, senior, and Maddie Augustin, junior, won the National Catholic Forensic League National Championship. These students are coached by Shawnee Mission South English Language Arts teacher Carolyn Cook.

- Culinary arts signature program students have been cooking up success. Junior Finley Jewell, SM South, won a gold medal at the national SkillsUSA Competition in culinary arts. According to their website, the SkillsUSA Championships are career competition events showcasing the best career and technical education students in the nation.
- A team of culinary arts students placed fifth at the 2023 National ProStart Invitational (NPSI). NPSI is the country's premier secondary school competition focused on restaurant management and culinary arts. The Shawnee Mission team included SM West senior Faith Xiong, SM Northwest senior Keegan Bachert, SM East senior Brooke Beauchamp, SM South senior Joshua Gardner, and SM South junior Lucy Hutton.



- Students in the Biotechnology Signature program competed in the Regeneration International Science and Engineering Fair. Only 1,500 people in the world are accepted and four Shawnee Mission students qualified. They include SM East junior Mia Stamos, SM West senior Abigail West, SM East senior Caleb Gilmore, and SM West freshman Elizabeth Barnes.
- Three teams of Shawnee Mission Engineering students earned awards from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) HUNCH project.

Luis Montanez and Samantha Herron, Shawnee Mission North seniors, were named finalists for their lunar worktable design. They were invited to Houston to present their prototype in a final design review conducted by NASA engineers.

A team including William Calhoun, SM West senior, and Jerryka Lara, SM North senior, and a team including Kyle Bandelier and Brice Peterson, SM North seniors, were named semifinalists.

- Comanche and Merriam Park Elementary schools are 2022 recipients of the Challenge Award.

The Challenge Award recognizes Kansas schools for outstanding achievement and uncommon accomplishments based on Kansas Assessment results in math and reading, graduation rates, absenteeism rates, and the socio-economic status of those taking the test.

Only 91 schools in Kansas were recognized with this award, presented by the Confidence in Education Task Force.



Podcast Announcement

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming launch of "Shawnee Mission Mic'd Up," a brand-new podcast that will take you behind the scenes of the Shawnee Mission School District.

Hosted by Superintendent Dr. Michelle Hubbard and Dr. Jeremy Higgins, director of secondary human resources, Shawnee Mission Mic'd Up will provide an inside look at the news, issues and stories happening across the SMSD. Shawnee Mission Mic'd Up will launch early this school year.

Watch www.smsd.org for more information.



Read Across SMSD



Each month, Shawnee Mission encourages reading for all ages through Read Across SMSD. Modeled after the national Read Across America program, Read Across SMSD features books for all ages and explores a monthly theme.

In May, we wrapped up our second season with Kim Hinkle, executive director of the Shawnee Mission Education Foundation and Rosehill Elementary students talking about their own family traditions as they introduce "I'll Go and Come Back" by Rajani LaRocca.

We thank NEA-Shawnee Mission for their partnership in hosting Read Across SMSD and The Shawnee Mission Education

Foundation for providing students in all of our schools access to Read Across SMSD titles. ♦

Roesland Teacher is Kansas Teacher of the Year Finalist



Michelle Tapko works with sixth grade students on a writing project at Roesland Elementary School.

It has been more than a decade since he was a student in Michelle Tapko's classroom, but Quinton Jones says the way she advocated for and encouraged him as a sixth grader still means a lot.

"It instilled a great deal of confidence in me that encouraged me to push the boundaries of what I ever thought was possible," Jones expressed.

Jones now works as a structural engineer, based in the Kansas City area.

"Not only does she connect with students in the classroom, but she does a wonderful job of being a resource for students and championing their success as they transcend her classroom," he added. "When I graduated high school, she went out of her way to congratulate me for everything I've accomplished and let me know how proud she was of me."

These days, Tapko's students are the ones congratulating her.

This spring the Roesland Elementary sixth grade teacher was named a Region 3 finalist for 2024 Kansas Teacher of the Year (KTOY). She was selected out of 124 educators across the state nominated for the recognition.

Tapko was first nominated by her school community to represent Roesland Elementary School. She is known for

being a genuine leader, Principal Kelly Swift shared.

"She makes incredible connections with families, students, and staff," she added. "These connections last a lifetime. Any student who is lucky enough to have her has been blessed with a gift. Her intensity and passion to ensure every student, every day is taken care of emotionally, physically, and academically is beyond compare."

Tapko has taught all subjects during her time as a teacher, but in recent years she has focused on English Language Arts (ELA) and social studies. She is passionate about curriculum and serves on both the ELA and social studies cadres in the Shawnee Mission School District. She has provided multiple professional developments in various settings and has served as a mentor educator.

Kansas will name its Teacher of the Year in September and that individual is eligible to be named the National Teacher of the Year. Each district in Kansas is able to nominate one elementary and one secondary teacher for the Kansas Teacher of the Year program. Sarah Starforth, special education teacher at Arrowhead Day School, was also honored as a semifinalist. ♦

SM South Administrator is Kansas Principal of the Year

It started with a surprise on a Thursday afternoon at Shawnee Mission South High School.

Principal Dr. Todd Dain entered the building entryway to see a cheering crowd. The community gathered to surprise him with the news he had been named the Kansas Principals Association 2023 Secondary Principal of the Year.

Principals selected for this honor are evaluated based upon a school's academics, culture, school safety, and test scores, according to Cara Ledy, executive director of the Kansas Principals Association.

"The neat thing is that Dr. Dain embodied and exemplified every piece of that," Ledy added.

Dr. Dain began serving as principal at Shawnee Mission South in 2015. During his time as an educator, he has held the role of teacher, coach, and administrator. Dain attributes this recognition to the people at Shawnee Mission South. He explained that the positive culture at South is instrumental to building the individual and collective capacity of the SM South team.

"Our staff work so hard to reach every student and always support one another," Dain expressed. "This award reflects our awesome culture at SM South."

As a school counselor, Jasmine Morgan says she always gets the support she needs from Dr. Dain.

"He listens to our needs and how we can best support students," Morgan shared. "He's the best administrator I could ask for."

As Kansas Principal of the Year, Dr. Dain will represent Kansas in Washington, D.C. as a National Association of Secondary School Principals National Principal of the Year finalist. "I am forever grateful to be selected," Dain added. ♦



Shulman begins as DEI Coordinator

The Shawnee Mission School District actively continues its work to help every student feel a sense of belonging in school.

Shawnee Mission welcomes Kaitlin Shulman, who will help lead this work across the district. She is now serving as the Shawnee Mission School District's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) coordinator.

Shawnee Mission's strategic plan strategy 2 is that "We will relentlessly create a fully unified, equitable, and inclusive culture."

Shawnee Mission has done tremendous groundwork in DEI Shulman reflected and she is excited to be a part of helping it continue to grow. She said it is clear how important student voices are in all decision-making processes in Shawnee Mission.

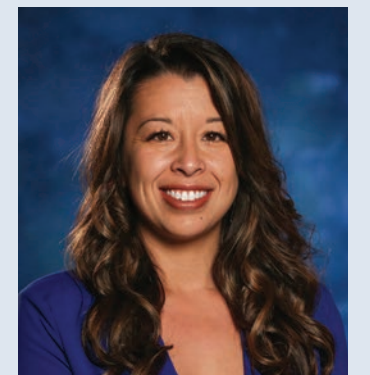
"We are all in this work for students so they should have a seat at the table," Shulman shared. "That is important to me and it is something I am looking forward to."

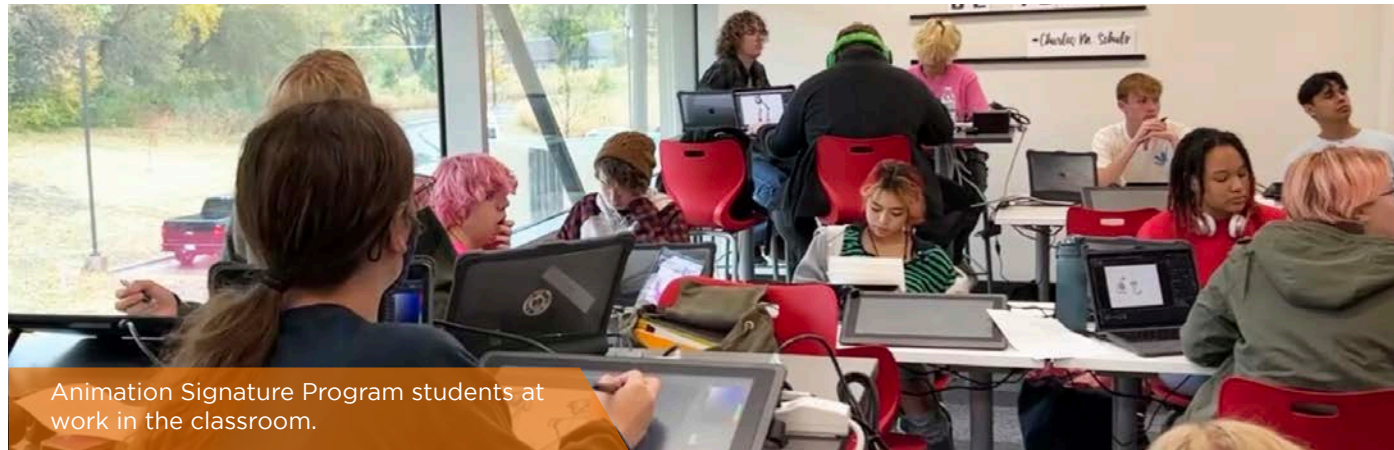
Shulman previously served as a facilitator of recruitment and retention in the Lawrence Public Schools and has a background as an elementary educator. She has extensive experience in blended learning practices and personalized learning plans. Shulman says she will be supporting educators, families, and students in this position.

"I feel that DEI work is really a journey, and everybody comes to that space in different places on that journey," Shulman shared. "We can come together and have some understanding and grow through that."

All of this work is done to help every single student feel a sense of belonging at school, Shulman emphasized.

"We want every student to experience school as a place where they know they are valued and respected," Shulman added. "That not only helps individual students – it makes our schools better places for all students to learn." ♦





Animation Signature Program students at work in the classroom.

From Pencil to Pixel: High School Animators and Fourth Graders Collaborate

This spring the 2D Animation Signature Program students worked on a project for some very important storytellers – fourth graders from Merriam Park and Rising Star elementary schools.

For the project, the fourth grade students wrote original five-line stories that the high school students then animated.

Animation and interactive media instructor Enza Ketcham first had the idea for the project as she observed her high school students turning their own stories into cartoons.

“Our program is always looking for ways to collaborate,” explained Ketcham. “I thought having elementary students write the stories might be a fun and inspiring way to connect with other students from the district.”

Ketcham shared that the student animators enjoyed the challenge of animating the wild and imaginative stories written by fourth graders.

“I thought it would be fun for the elementary students to know a high schooler would read their story and work on it. What I didn’t expect was that this would be a favorite project for my high school students,” shared Ketcham.

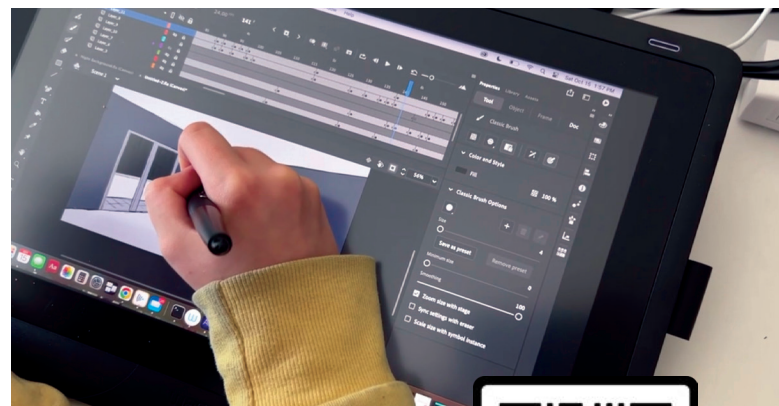
Shawnee Mission West sophomore Albert Green enjoyed the opportunity to bring the fourth graders’ stories to life.

“It was a really cool experience to bring what they had written to a visual perspective,” expressed Green.

One of the primary learning objectives for the project was to practice collaboration and working with a client. To help build these skills, the animation students work on client-connected projects throughout the semester.

Ketcham explained that teamwork is a key skill for animators in real world settings.

“When you get into the real world you are working with a team, you’re a piece of the puzzle.” noted Ketcham. “Often animators don’t get to own a project from the beginning



to the end. With this project they are learning to animate a story they didn’t write and wasn’t their idea, but they have the opportunity to put their thumbprint on it.”

On an afternoon in late May, the fourth graders smiled and laughed as they watched their animated stories on screen.

“That was really cool,” said fourth grader Teagan Thomas after watching her story for the first time. “I like how when I said it was a hot and sunny day, a girl dropped her ice cream in the background. That was funny.”

Marilee DeAngelis, Merriam Park fourth grade teacher, says collaborative projects like these may help to set students up for future success.

“When we say we’re preparing kids for jobs that we don’t even know exist yet, I feel like this is one of those opportunities,” explained DeAngelis.

The Animation and Interactive media classes are part of the Signature Programs at the Center for Academic Achievement.

To learn more about the program visit: caa.smsd.org/academics/signature-programs/animation-game-design. ♦

Embracing the Future: Artificial Intelligence in the Classroom

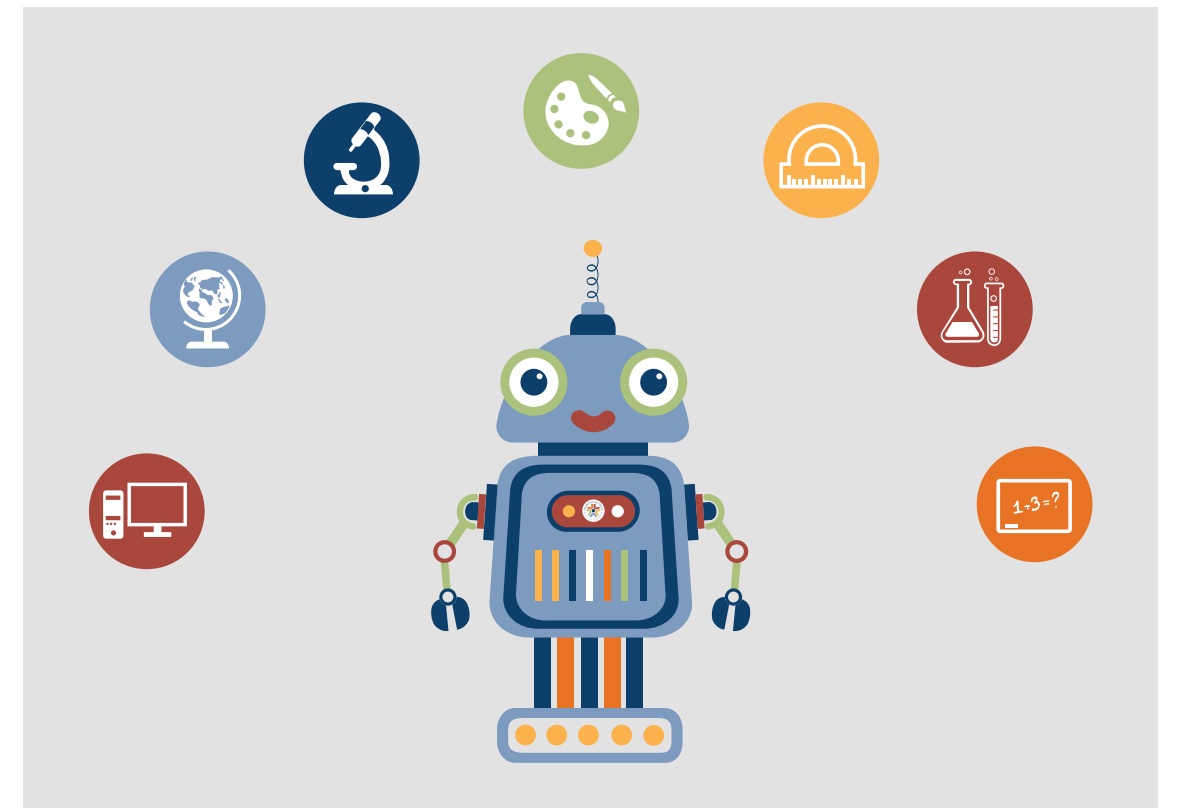
In November 2022, OpenAI’s ChatGPT launched and caused a sensation as people discovered they could use the chatbot to create reports, essays, poems and more with only a few written prompts. A form of generative artificial intelligence (AI), ChatGPT has the ability to write human-like content. This innovation has had many in the community asking about the potential impact of AI in Shawnee Mission classrooms.

“With any new technology, there are always concerns, but AI is the future and it’s important to teach students so they are prepared for that future,” shared Jenny Collier, instructional technology coordinator.

The district’s Educational Technology (EdTech) team has been developing training resources for educators on the topic of AI in classrooms. Educators are encouraged to utilize technology as a resource to improve learning in a rigorous and meaningful way.

The new technology gives teachers an opportunity to emphasize the importance of digital citizenship and academic integrity.

Digital citizenship refers to the responsible use of technology by anyone who uses computers, the internet, and digital devices. The concept focuses on



digital etiquette and behaving ethically and responsibly in digital spaces.

Discussing AI tools in the classroom allows educators to provide clear guidelines for appropriate use. This could include specific directions on attribution, citation, and acceptable use of AI-generated content, as well as clear examples of what constitutes academic dishonesty.

Collier noted teachers may also be considering adapting traditional assignments to better evaluate student learning. For example, educators can provide creative ways for students to show what they know through classroom discussions or collaborative projects.

“Technology is always changing and evolving,” shared Collier. “By

adapting to the changes we can prepare our students for the future and the jobs of tomorrow.”

Introducing AI tools in the classroom can provide students with new opportunities to develop skills essential to future careers, especially those that depend on the use of AI. Skills like AI literacy, data analysis, and critical thinking can help students navigate a technology-driven world.

Resources are available to families who are seeking to learn more about how they can support their children as they navigate technology in and out of the classroom. For Digital Citizenship Resources for families, go to: <https://www.smsd.org/academics/digital-learning-initiative>. ♦

New Course Offerings Focus on Agriculture



Raised beds at the CAA grow carrots, radishes, celery, lettuces and much more.

In the fall of 2023, the Shawnee Mission School District (SMSD) will introduce a new class for students who are interested in developing a green thumb and pursuing urban agriculture.

While the Plant and Soil Science course will be part of the district's Signature Program and offered as a science elective, the curriculum will explore much more than biology.

"This class will be cross-curricular with health science, culinary arts, engineering and sustainability," says Dr. Ryan Flurry, principal at the Career Education Campuses. "There is a growing need for sustainability officers not just in the metro area, but across the country, so this is a great way to get into that world with a focus on not just farming but sustainability."

The hands-on course is modeled on the Plant and Soil Science program at Kansas State University. Students will manage and maintain the farm at the Center for Academic Achievement (CAA) that currently provides produce for the Broadmoor Bistro.

"More than 10 years ago the Culinary Arts program started a small farm at the original Broadmoor campus," explained Dr. Flurry. "When the program moved to the CAA, the farm grew to about 1.5 acres. The culinary program has primarily been responsible for the farm but with the expansion, the district saw a need to ramp up a program specific to urban farming and sustainable agriculture."

Doug Moles, a veteran chemistry teacher at Shawnee Mission West, will lead the class.

"I had an environmental club and we had a farm at West, it was like 30' by 30', but, we had drip irrigation, we did cover crops, we



Left: Adri Muller, a rising senior at West, weeds potatoes at the Center for Academic Achievement. Right: Caroline Urio, a rising junior at West, spreads straw on potato crops to maintain soil moisture.

did all that," said Moles.

Moles has an agricultural background, having grown up tending a family farm in Nebraska. While he pursued chemistry and has taught the subject for more than two decades, agriculture and sustainability has always been a passion.

"I think, for a lot of kids, there's a tremendous disconnect between the food that goes on your plate and how it got there," said Moles. "And, for them to have an interest in learning how to develop produce, the year-round cycle that you have to use, like what you grow when, how you alternate crops, why you leave something. It's all information that a lot of them just—they're a blank slate—and they need to learn about this stuff."

The class will have textbooks and a set curriculum, but the majority of the course will take place in the gardens and greenhouse so students can understand the year-round growing process. Students will learn how to amend soil, gain a basic understanding of the necessary nutrients to grow specific crops and ultimately, cultivate the produce they grow to be used by the Broadmoor Bistro.

"They're going to learn about plant growth and cycles, and also how to run an urban farm," said Moles.

Additionally, students who take the class will be expected to work on Wednesdays and Saturdays at the Overland Park Farmers Market to sell excess produce.

"That just seems so fun," said Lauren Stowers, a rising senior at SM West and future Plant and Soil Science student. "I don't know much [going into the class], but I know humans would not exist without plants. It's part of food, medicine, and water. We wouldn't be alive. And, planting trees, like, a bunch of trees, would be really good for climate change. And that's all that I really know. So, going into this class, I hope to learn more, like how I can be more helpful to the environment."

This class will provide students a chance to develop a love of agriculture and an understanding that it's a necessity. "There are ways that you can develop not only love for agriculture, but be able to sustain some of your own needs, which is something that would be nice in the future," Moles added. ◆

Farm Enriches Signature Program Opportunities, Collaboration

The Shawnee Mission Biotechnology and Culinary Signature Programs have teamed up to create a sustainable and delicious project for the community to enjoy.

Elaine Gast, SM Northwest senior and Biotechnology student, dedicated time last year to researching mycology, the study of fungi, to find ways that can help solve the hunger crisis facing many parts of the world.

"I was introduced to mushrooms in the pharmacology and agriculture class, it has really grown into something that can help people. The project can bring mushrooms to people's houses which can be used for sustainable food," Gast said.

Gast discovered she could grow mushrooms easily in a shed, monitoring and documenting the process as she went. The experiment created yellow oyster mushrooms, which were then donated to the Broadmoor Bistro's Culinary program

Students have used them to make mushroom tortellini. "It's a ricotta tortellini and we add the mushrooms," Lucy Hutton, SM South junior and culinary student expressed. "We love the mushrooms, they are great!"

It is exciting any time student chefs get to highlight local ingredients, Justin Hoffman, chef instructor said. "To have the mushrooms now as a new part of what we are doing, being able to bring in another classroom experience with biotech to have that collaborative education, that's what gets exciting for us."

With the help of peers, Gast hopes to keep the project going for her senior year, expanding to other ways she can use fungi to positively impact the community around her.

Story by Lily Coash-Johnson, Shawnee Mission West senior and Shawnee Mission School District Real World Learning intern. ◆



SMSD STRONG

Strong Schools, Strong Community



A rendering of the main entrance at Trailridge Middle School, where the main entrance (including administrative offices) have been moved to the back of the building.



Renovations began on Trailridge Middle School in the summer of 2023.

When Shawnee Mission School District community members approved a \$264 million bond referendum in 2021, a list of proposed facility improvements

became a checklist to complete.

Now, hundreds of students are already experiencing the benefits of new and improved school facilities, with more improvements scheduled to be complete over the next couple of years.

All of this work continues in order to advance the district's goal to continue to be ranked among the finest school districts in the nation, employing exceptional educators who work in state-of-the-art facilities where learners achieve their full potential.

Elementary School Rebuilds

John Diemer and Westwood View elementary schools have been rebuilt, and students and staff are learning in the new buildings.

> Coming up:

Pawnee Elementary School will open for students in August 2023. Rushton Elementary School is under construction. Tomahawk Elementary School construction is expected to begin in January 2024.

Middle School and High School Learning Space Upgrades

Indian Woods and Westridge middle schools, SM North, SM Northwest, Horizons, and SM East high schools have received upgrades to learning spaces and restroom updates.

> Coming up:

Hocker Grove and Trailridge middle schools, and Shawnee Mission South High School upgrades were underway this summer. Hocker Grove Middle School will receive a covered walkway connecting to education wings, a new classroom addition and additional outdoor learning space, a new bus loop and parent drop-off, new secure front entry, and a restroom renovation. At Trailridge Middle School, the main entrance (including administrative offices) has been moved to the back of the building, and the original main drive after renovations will be the new bus loop on the east side. Shawnee Mission

South High School is gaining a cafeteria hallway storefront glass addition that will allow for better supervision and modernize the space. Restrooms are being renovated. The gymnasium stage is being renovated into a training facility and a weight room is being remodeled into a fitness center. Both of these facilities will provide larger spaces for exercise and training and will focus on different physical benefits. They also will support curriculum-based programs and support students in a wide variety of school activities.

Playgrounds

Belinder, Overland Park, Prairie, Roesland, Sunflower, Rosehill, Rising Star, and Corinth elementary school updates have been completed.

Broken Arrow, Brookridge, Comanche, and Christa McAuliffe elementary school updates are underway for 2023.

Broken Arrow and Ray Marsh elementary school playground updates are scheduled for 2024. Apache IS, Highlands, and Merriam Park elementary school updates are scheduled for 2025.

Furniture Updates

Trailridge and Indian Woods middle schools, Horizons, SM North, SM East, and SM West high school furniture updates are complete.

Hocker Grove and Westridge middle school and Shawnee Mission Northwest High School furniture updates are scheduled for 2023. Indian Woods Middle School and Shawnee Mission South furniture updates are scheduled for 2024.

HVAC Updates

Sunflower, Bluejacket-Flint, Rising Star, Christa McAuliffe, Brookridge, and Corinth elementary schools; Indian Woods and Hocker Grove middle schools; SM East and SM South high schools; and Indian Creek Technical Center HVAC updates have been completed.

> Coming up:

Updates to East Antioch, Mill Creek, Prairie, Oak Park-Carpenter elementary schools and SM South are scheduled for 2023. SM Northwest, SM West, and additional updates at Horizons and Oak Park-Carpenter are scheduled for 2024. Belinder, Broken Arrow, Corinth, Santa Fe Trail, Brookridge, Diemer, Ray Marsh, and Merriam Park elementary schools, Indian Hills, Westridge, and Hocker Grove middle schools are scheduled for updates in 2025.

Asphalt Repair/Replacement

ApacheIS, Bluejacket-Flint, Briarwood, Brookridge, Broadmoor, Comanche, Corinth, Overland Park,

Trailwood, Belinder, Crestview, East Antioch, Highlands, Prairie, Roesland, Rushton, Santa Fe Trail, and Tomahawk elementary schools, Indian Woods, and Indian Hills middle schools, SM South, SM West, SM East, and Horizons high schools, Indian Creek Technology Center, the CTC, the SMSD Softball Complex and the Operations and Maintenance building have received asphalt repair/replacement.

> Coming up:

Brookwood, is scheduled to receive asphalt repair/replacement in 2024.

Roof Updates

The Shawnee Mission Early Childhood Center, Broken Arrow, East Antioch, and Overland Park elementary schools, Indian Hills Middle School, SM Northwest and SM West high schools have had roofing updates completed.

> Coming up:

Merriam Park, Horizons and SM East roof improvements are scheduled for 2023. Christa McAuliffe, SM North, SM West (phase 2) are scheduled for 2024. Rising Star and Oak Park-Carpenter are scheduled for 2025.

Supporting Student Learning

The approved bond enabled expenses previously funded through the capital outlay fund for new facilities to be covered with bond funds. This allowed the district to shift custodial and maintenance salaries into the capital fund, freeing up money in the operating fund to hire additional secondary teachers to better support student learning. The district began the first phase of the adjustment in the 2021-2022 school year, and fully implemented the second phase of this adjustment in the 2022-2023 school year.

For updates on bond construction work, visit smsd.org/bond-2021.



A look at summer 2023 construction at Pawnee Elementary School.



Left: Rhian Pritchard, Lockton, Laura Harsch, business to education program officer, Charles McAllister, GBA. Right: Dr. Michelle Hubbard, Superintendent, Lauren Kepler, director of business, Newkirk Novak, Louis Montanez, intern, Newkirk Novak, Kim Hinkle, executive director, SM Education Foundation, John Novak, principal and owner, Newkirk Novak.

Shawnee Mission Education Foundation's Corporate Council Supports Real World Learning

The Shawnee Mission Education Foundation recently held a Corporate Council coffee event for members of the business community to learn more about the objectives of the Corporate Council.

Acting as a chamber for the Shawnee Mission School District, the Corporate Council brings together a diverse range of Johnson County and metropolitan area businesses that provide vital support to the district's Real World Learning initiative.

"Real World Learning gives students the opportunity to engage in work experiences to prepare them for college and career," explained Laura Harsch, business to education program officer.

"We are grateful for our Corporate Council members who do so much to strengthen and build our local workforce and set students on a strong path for the future."

Corporate Council membership supports Real World Learning in three ways.

1. A Membership supports Real World Learning financially.
2. Participating members have the opportunity to contribute directly to furthering the education and career development of students by offering civic connections, internship and job shadowing opportunities, or by mentoring students.
3. Members share information, expertise and advice with the Foundation and District on leadership programming and community engagement.

Corporate Council member Danielle Pringle, Trane account manager, believes that being part of the Corporate Council and engaging in Real World Learning is taking learning outside of the box.

"It's really innovative," Pringle shared. As a member of the Corporate Council, Trane has been able to have a table at the High School job and internship fairs. I've really enjoyed talking to students about the trades and sharing the non-traditional

pathways and partnerships Trane has with local trade programs."

A new member of the Corporate Council, the City of Prairie Village is looking forward to supporting student learning by providing internship opportunities.

"We are always grateful for opportunities to partner with and strengthen our excellent schools in Prairie Village, and we anticipate mutual benefits for our community with increased training to fill local staffing needs throughout private and public sectors," shared Mayor Eric Mikkelsen, City of Prairie Village. The Corporate Council offers five membership tiers, each with specialized benefits. To learn more about the benefits of joining the Corporate Council, use the QR Code on the right, or contact Laura Harsch at lauraharsch@smsd.org.

Join the Corporate Council and help contribute to building tomorrow's workforce today. ♦



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